

It is particularly disturbing that the federal government has yet to complete a national, risk-based threat management plan for preventing attacks upon our nation's rail system. The GAO report, "Rail Safety and Security: Some Actions Already Taken to Enhance Rail Security, but Risk-Based Plan Needed," which I, along with my colleagues JIM OBERSTAR, HENRY WAXMAN, and MARTY MEEHAN requested in 2001, concluded that "the adequacy of this industry plan to protect communities and the railroad infrastructure is still unclear since the Transportation Security Administration lacks the framework for systematically evaluating and prioritizing actions needed to ensure the safety and security of the transportation of hazardous materials by rail."

The PROTECTS Act authorizes grants to State and local governments and emergency responders for proper equipment and protective gear for hazardous material incidents. In addition, the act ensures that responders are properly trained and are familiar with the different types of hazardous materials that pass through and are stored in their communities.

A clear comprehensive industry plan is needed to protect communities and rail infrastructure. With 530 rail stations throughout the country—some of those no more than open platforms where passengers can walk freely onto the train—stringent airport-like security measures are not possible. However, the PROTECTS Act will ensure that the necessary steps to address security vulnerabilities on our rail system are implemented and that a comprehensive plan is developed.

The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission) in their report that was released today concludes that the United States needs to develop strategies for neglected parts of our transportation security system. Also, the report recommends that we address problems of biometric screening between agencies and governments, including border and transportation systems. Our bill provides funding and authorizations to aid such efforts.

We got an urgent wake up call on September 11, which we answered. The commuter rail station bombing in Madrid was a second wakeup call. The PROTECTS Act is how we will answer that call. We have to do all that we can to secure America and its citizens against terrorists' threats. Why wait for the other shoe to drop, we need to act now to protect rail and rail passengers before we wake up to another tragic terrorist incident.

THE SITUATION ON CYPRUS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss the situation on Cyprus. The best way to commemorate the twin anniversaries of the coup d'etat and the following events in Cyprus 30 years ago in July 1974 is to make sure that they never happen again. This is only possible if the political problem in Cyprus between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots is settled once and for all. This in turn will make Cyprus a bridge of cooperation, rather than conflict, between Greece and Turkey, and a bastion of stability in the eastern Mediterranean.

A historic opportunity was missed just a few months ago when the "Annan Plan" was rejected by the Greek Cypriots by a margin of 3 to 1, while it was accepted by the Turkish Cypriots with a clear majority of 65 percent in separate referenda. The United States, the European Union, Turkey and Greece had given strong support to the Plan as a reasonable compromise.

According to Secretary-General Kofi Annan's recent report to the Security Council regarding the results of the referenda, "the Turkish Cypriot vote has undone any rationale for pressuring and isolating them." Annan also called on U.N. Security Council members to "give a strong lead to all States to cooperate both bilaterally and in international bodies, to eliminate unnecessary restrictions and barriers that have the effect of isolating the Turkish Cypriots and impeding their development."

Having demonstrated their conciliatory spirit by letting bygones be bygones, the Turkish Cypriots rightly expect to be reintegrated with the international community in economic, cultural, social and other fields. U.S. and EU assistance to Turkish Cypriots to help them rehabilitate their economy and ease their isolation has been forthcoming but modest. I believe the Turkish Cypriots need and deserve our help in their struggle for justice and a better future.

AN ARTICLE ABOUT MR. PAUL KLEBNIKOV

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, its fall was heralded as a new era of peace and prosperity, when the victims of communism would learn what it means to live in freedom. The establishment of capitalism in the capital of communism was no less significant. Sadly, the brand of Russian capitalism practiced today is just another form of materialism without moral foundation.

As rivals jockey for a share of the market and the trappings of a high flying Western lifestyle, Russia's amoral brand of the market economy has led to a last man standing mentality where shooting and bombing rivals and critics are nearly as common as balancing the books.

This past week, the Al Capones of Russia's business world claimed yet another victim. Paul Klebnikov, an American and editor of Forbes Magazine in Russia, was shot to death outside his office.

Klebnikov's only crime was reporting on the Russian business world and criticizing what he viewed as the too close relationship between Russia's elite businessmen and the government.

Paul Klebnikov's fearlessness and sense of right and wrong ultimately were his undoing. Had he been more circumspect in his views or less vocal with his criticism, he would probably be alive today. Those who knew Klebnikov, however, would be the first to say that he would not have changed a thing.

He believed in Russia and in Russia's future. He could not simply sweep Russia's problems under the rug. He knew that the only way to move democracy and market cap-

italism toward a normal existence was to condemn the excessive and corrupt.

Like so many other similar crimes, Paul Klebnikov's assassination has not been solved. Given the current strength of the Russian mafia and rampant corruption in the Russian government, I don't know if his murderers will ever be brought to justice.

I am submitting for the RECORD an article from the Washington Post. In it, Michael Caputo, a friend and colleague of Paul Klebnikov, honors his friend better than I can.

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SAME OLD RUTHLESS RUSSIA

(By Michael R. Caputo)

American journalist Paul Klebnikov was shot to death outside my office building on Friday. At least it used to be my office. I worked with Klebnikov, Forbes magazine's maverick correspondent, several times in the past 10 years, sometimes in Moscow, sometimes in New York. Our paths crossed often through one of Russia's wildest decades.

Eight years after we first met as he covered Boris Yeltsin's 1996 presidential election, his murder brings clarity: Nothing has changed. Brutal criminals still run amok in Russia, operating with impunity and no fear of prosecution.

Klebnikov had high hopes for Russia and was determined to urge democracy along. He grew up in the United States, cradled in the close-knit Russian American community; his Russian skills were perfect and his devotion to the culture ran deep. He blossomed in journalism just as the communist bloc crumbled, and his unique understanding of "the story" in the region propelled his career.

As we toured the Russian countryside eight years ago, he talked to peasants waiting in line to vote and grilled me with questions, too. Had I run across billionaire Boris Berezovsky in my work with the Yeltsin administration? I hadn't. Klebnikov had recently been scratching the surface of Berezovsky's brazen get-rich-quick schemes. He was convinced there was much more to the oligarch. He was in town to investigate him as well as to cover the elections.

Berezovsky was one of several super-wealthy men who had back doors to Yeltsin's Kremlin. His popularity waxed and waned, but as he amassed wealth he gained unparalleled power. Experienced expatriates in Russia shared an essential rule: Don't cross these brutal billionaires, ever, or you're likely to go home in a box.

Klebnikov knew this well. In Russia the mafia kills every day. He knew Paul Tatum, the Oklahoma entrepreneur who ran afoul of Moscow's mafia and was shot dead just a few hundred yards from a hotel he had founded and had fought against Mayor Yuri Luzhkov to control. After Tatum's murder, Hizzoner promised swift justice. We're still waiting.

Tatum had led a loud life in Moscow. Klebnikov told me he knew Tatum's battle with city "authorities" was never a sound strategy for survival. The Tatum murder shook him, but he was determined to go forward with what grew into a series of articles exposing Russian corruption. After all, he was a reporter, not a businessman.

As a journalist, Klebnikov was the real deal. He was based in New York through the 1990s but had more contacts in Moscow than most reporters on the ground full time. During his frequent trips to the region he accomplished more meetings before lunch than many of us could pull off in a week.

Klebnikov listened as intently to the griping of a pensioner as he did to the drone of politicians. He was quick to the point, wasted no time, and drove to the center of his story like a tank. Some thought he was bold,

others thought him brash, but everyone was reading.

"Godfather of the Kremlin," his December 1996 *Forbes* cover story on Berezovsky, threw new light on the doings of Russia's oligarchs. The story grew into Klebnikov's first book, with the same title, published in 2001. The exiled industrialist took the magazine to court in London, and eventually *Forbes* recanted accusations of violence. Those of us who lived in Moscow during Berezovsky's heyday still believe.

His follow-up stories on Russian industrialists were always fair and thorough, but he didn't make many friends in the country. Soon after Vladimir Putin stepped into the presidency, Klebnikov and I met in New York. I told him he needed to watch his back with so much change afoot. He shrugged and said he was uniquely positioned to get to the heart of corruption in Russia. "Who else is going to do it?" he asked. I had no answer.

When *Forbes* announced Klebnikov would lead its new Russian publication and relocate to Moscow, I immediately feared for his safety. A few months later he was dead. I think about him, sprawled bleeding on the sidewalk, coughing his final words to a reporter colleague who found him dying.

Russia hasn't changed in the past decade and at this trajectory it won't be truly civilized for generations. Those who killed Klebnikov are killing today, plan to kill tomorrow, and know they'll roam free to kill for years to come. Hellbent on getting rich, they have no boundaries. Raised in a communist world devoid of morals, they have no soul.

There is no valid reason why a nation so tolerant—even complicit—in organized crime should stand on par with world leaders in groups such as the World Trade Organization. Putin must stand as the guarantor of media freedom. And the Bush administration must demand results in this murder investigation and require the assassins and their bosses be detected, arrested, tried and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Or will it let Paul Klebnikov, like Paul Tatum, be just another footnote in Russia's disingenuous flirtation with world-class rule of law? We're waiting.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLEGAL TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 1974 illegal Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

I have commemorated this day each year since I became a Member of Congress. PSEKA (The International Coordinating Committee "Justice for Cyprus"), The Cyprus Federation of America, SAE (World Council of Hellenes Abroad), and The Federation of Hellenic Societies are all primarily located in the 14th Congressional district of New York, which I am fortunate to represent. These individuals believe that peace will come to Cyprus, and they have been strong advocates against the division of Cyprus and the human rights violations perpetrated by the Turkish army in Cyprus.

While we must remember this black anniversary, we also have reason to celebrate. On May 1, Cyprus became a full-fledged member of the European Union along with nine other countries from Central and Eastern Europe.

Cyprus's accession to the EU is a historic achievement. As an EU member, Cyprus will represent European values and policies and, at the same time, will work toward even stronger transatlantic ties with the United States. This has been a long time in coming, and I believe that Cyprus will have much to contribute to the EU.

Although all of us, including the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots, wanted to see the division of Cyprus end before its accession to the EU, the Annan Plan for a Cyprus settlement was justly voted down by the Greek Cypriots. Prior to the April referendum on the Annan Plan, I and several of my colleagues met with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan to express our concerns and our willingness to work with him to move the process forward. I know we are all hopeful that a just resolution can be reached soon to end the division so that both sides will reap the benefits from membership in the EU.

Now is not the time to give up. Earlier this month, my friend and fellow co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, Congressman BILIRAKIS, and I sent letters, along with more than ninety members of the House of Representatives, to President Bush, Secretary of State Powell, and U.N. Secretary General Annan urging them to respect the democratic decision of the people, to remain engaged in efforts to resolve the Cyprus problem, and to work toward a fair and lasting reunification of Cyprus.

A unified Cyprus would promote stability, both politically and economically, to the entire Mediterranean region. The people of Cyprus deserve a unified and democratic country. I remain hopeful that a peaceful settlement will be found so that the division of Cyprus will come to an end.

Thirty years is too long to have a country divided. It is too long to be kept from your home. It is too long to be separated from family.

We have seen many tremendous changes around the world. It is time for the Cypriots to live in peace and security, with full enjoyment of their human rights.

In recognition of the spirit of the people of Cyprus, I ask my colleagues to join me in solemnly commemorating the 30th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus.

Long Live Freedom. Long Live Cyprus. Long Live Greece.

A TRIBUTE TO SALVATORE AND MYRA RASPA'S SERVICE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Salvatore and Myra Raspa of St. Mary's County, Maryland for their leadership as outstanding educators and service to their community.

In 1961, Sal was employed as a science and chemistry teacher at Great Mills High School. After teaching for seven years, he was appointed Assistant Principal and in 1978 became Principal of Great Mills High School. He later became Supervisor of Instruction for Science and Health with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, St. Mary's County

Public Schools. He was also Supervisor of Transportation and Assistant Superintendent before his retirement from the St. Mary's County Public Schools in 1999 after 38 years of service.

Dr. Raspa was dedicated to his profession and accordingly received numerous awards and commendations such as recognition from the VFW for Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Leadership in the Community, the Governor's Citation for Outstanding Commitment to Public Education, recognition from the Naval Air Warfare Center and The Maryland Science Center, and the Joint Board of Science and Engineering Education Award as an Outstanding Educator. He also received the Governor's Award for Voluntary Service in Prevention of Drugs and Alcohol as well as the American Legion Award for Contribution to Youth in St. Mary's County and special recognition from Lions Clubs International for Promoting Drug Awareness Programs—Skills for Adolescence.

Myra Raspa began her teaching career as an English and Publications teacher at Leonardtown High School, where she was responsible for publishing two major publications: *The History and Culture of the Chesapeake Bay* and *The Heritage/History of The St. Mary's County Fair*. During her 20 years with the St. Mary's County Public Schools, she also received several awards and citations, such as the Citation from the Southern Maryland Legislative Delegation for "Outstanding Educator and for Contribution to Youth", the Governor's Citation for "Excellence in Education", Recognition from Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein for Exemplary Publication, *The Heritage*, Citation from St. Mary's County Commissioners for "Outstanding Contribution to Students of St. Mary's County", St. Mary's Board of Education Certification of Recognition for "Outstanding Contribution to Student Achievement", St. Mary's Award to Recognize Talent in Teachers, The St. Mary's Council on Children and Youth "Outstanding Contribution to Youth", recognition from Dr. David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Schools for "Outstanding Educator", and National Council of Teachers of English for "Outstanding Publication", and a Commendation from Senator C. Bernard Fowler, Senator of Maryland, for "Exemplary Contribution to Youth," and a Commendation from the Environmental Matters Committee for "Excellence in Education." She is currently an Instructional Resource with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction with a focus on high schools.

Mr. Speaker, dedicated educators like Sal and Myra Raspa are today's hope for a better tomorrow. They are the role models to whom students and others within their workplace and their community look for guidance and support. By pointing students in the right direction, such educators contribute to the future accomplishments of their students.

They have applied this commitment to molding children's future to their own home, as well. Myra and Sal's children are Sal, Jr., Joseph—deceased, Scott, Angela, Victor, and Anthony. Myra Raspa had to undergo a major juggling act between continuing her education and taking her children to Boy Scouts, band practice, football practice, wrestling practice, swimming lessons, and so forth. All the children attended Great Mills High School and were given their diplomas by their father during his tenure as Principal there. All are college graduates and are successful and are